IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image processing apparatus to capture an object and record a captured image comprising:

a creation means for creating one composite image <u>data</u> from an arrangement of a plurality of associated captured small images, ~~the associated captured small images being sequentially stored in the composite image such that the associated captured small images are directly adjacent~~;

image file creation means for creating <u>one</u> [[an]] image file including <u>composite image data created by the creation means and management data indicating that the composite image data comprises a plurality of images,</u> data describing a vertical size and a horizontal size of each of the plurality of associated captured small images in the composite image<u>,</u> and manufacturer specific information;

a display control means for controlling display of the composite image <u>data</u>; and

an extraction means for extracting a specified small image from the composite image <u>data</u> whose display is controlled by the display control means based on the vertical size and the horizontal size of the associated captured small images.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The image processing apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising:

a storage means for storing the composite image <u>data</u> created by the creation means.

Claim 3 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 2 further comprising:

a determination means for determining whether or not the specified small image is

selected from the composite image whose display is controlled by the display control means,

wherein, when the determination means determines that the specified small image is selected,

the extraction means extracts data corresponding to the specified small image from the

composite image stored in the storage means.

Claim 4 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 1 further

comprising:

a print instruction means for transmitting the small image extracted by the extraction

means to an image print apparatus and instructing to start printing.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A method of image processing for an image

processing apparatus to capture an object and record a captured image, the method

comprising:

creating one composite image data from an arrangement of a plurality of associated

captured small images, the associated captured small images being sequentially stored in the

composite image such that the associated captured small images are directly adjacent;

creating one [[an]] image file including composite image data created by the creation

means and management data indicating that the composite image data comprises a plurality

of images, data describing a vertical size and a horizontal size of each of the plurality of

associated captured small images in the composite image, and manufacturer specific

information;

controlling display of the composite image data; and

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extracting a specified small image from the composite image <u>data</u> whose display is controlled by the controlling based on the vertical size and the horizontal size of the associated captured small images.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable recording medium encoded with a program for allowing a computer to perform image processing to capture an object and record a captured image, the program comprising:

creating one composite image <u>data</u> from an arrangement of a plurality of associated captured small images, ~~the associated captured small images being sequentially stored in the composite image such that the associated captured small images are directly adjacent~~;

creating <u>one</u> [[an]] image file including <u>composite image data created by the creation means and management data indicating that the composite image data comprises a plurality of images,</u> data describing a vertical size and a horizontal size of each of the plurality of associated captured small images in the composite image, and manufacturer specific information;

controlling display of the composite image <u>data</u>; and

extracting a specified small image from the composite image <u>data</u> whose display is controlled by the controlling based on the vertical size and the horizontal size of the associated captured small images.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An image processing apparatus to capture an object and record a captured image comprising:

an image creation unit configured to create one composite image <u>data</u> from an arrangement of a plurality of associated captured small images, ~~the associated captured small~~

~~images being sequentially stored in the composite image such that the associated captured~~

~~small images are directly adjacent;~~

an image file creation unit configured to create <u>one</u> [[an]] image file including

<u>composite image data created by the creation means and management data indicating that the</u>

<u>composite image data comprises a plurality of images,</u> data describing a vertical size and a

horizontal size of each of the plurality of associated captured small images in the composite

image<u>,</u> and manufacturer specific information;

a display control unit configured to control display of the composite image <u>data</u>; and

an extraction unit configured to extract a specified small image from the composite

image <u>data</u> whose display is controlled by the display control unit based on the vertical size

and the horizontal size of the associated captured small images.


Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The image processing apparatus according to claim 7

further comprising:

a storage unit configured to store the composite image <u>data</u> created by the image

creation unit.


Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The image processing apparatus according to claim 8

further comprising:

a determination unit configured to determine whether or not the specified small image

is selected from the composite image whose display is controlled by the display control unit,

wherein, when the determination unit determines that the specified small image is

selected, the extraction unit extracts data corresponding to the specified small image from the

composite image stored in the storage unit.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The image processing apparatus according to claim 7 further comprising:

a print instruction unit configured to transmit the small image extracted by the extraction unit to an image print apparatus and to instruct the image print apparatus to start printing.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The image processing apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the image file creation unit is configured to create the image file with manufacturer specific information including a name of the manufacturer.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The image processing apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the image file creation unit is configured to create the image file with manufacturer specific information including a device name of the manufacturer.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The image processing apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the image file creation unit is configured to create the image file with manufacturer specific information including an indication that the image file includes a plurality of images.